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COVID test must for traders, vendors from tomorrow

- MCC to act tough; Identifies 22 locations to set up testing facility
- 24x7 Testing Centre to open at K.R. Hospital on Monday
- Minister Dr. Sudhakar to hold review meeting on Oct. 5

Mysuru, Oct. 4 (OSR)- Seriously viewing the spurt in Corona positive cases, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has decided to conduct a free Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) and RT-PCR test for traders in the city markets and roadside vendors.

In a press release, MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde said traders must undergo both the tests once in two weeks. Those who fail to adhere to rules will not be allowed to do business. No matter whether they are having symptoms or not but still they must go for testing twice in a month without fail, he said.

The Corporation and Health Department have identified 22 centres in city where test will be done free of cost for market traders, citizens and roadside vendors. The current COVID situation has called for taking emergent steps in the interest of health of the citizens and also of traders.

"The MCC will not allow those traders, who refuse to undergo the mandatory testing to conduct business and action will be taken through the Police Department if they are defiant," he added.

The Commissioner has said people with symptoms of cold, cough, fever, breathlessness, heart-related ailments, diabetes, blood pressure, diarrhoea and loss of taste and smell, must get the test done free of cost at any one of the 22 testing centres.

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Wife - Swajie Subbaiah
Son - Dr. Gautham Subbaiah
Brothers - K.B. Ganapathy
& members of the family.

Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	1,514
Total positive cases	:	36,291
Discharges yesterday	:	859
Total discharges	:	28,465
Deaths yesterday	:	18
Total deaths	:	798
Total active cases	:	7,028

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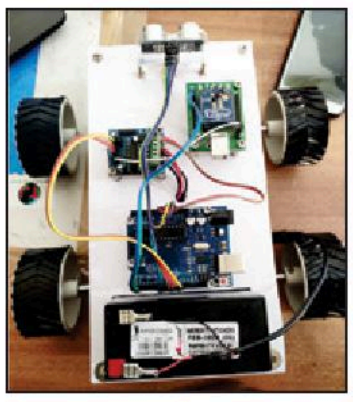
Mysuru, Sunday 4th October 2020

Bags Best Project Award

Pooja *Ayisha*



Mysuru, Oct. 4- The Department of ECE, GSSSIETW, Mysuru, has bagged the Best Project Award in the Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology (KSCST) Student Project Programme for the academic year 2019-20.

The award-winning M.Tech (Digital Communication & Networking) project titled "Speech Recognition Using Robotic Vehicle with Regional Language" was carried out by **M. Pooja** under the guidance of Dr. S. Padmashree, Professor, Department of ECE.

Speaking on the achievement, Dr. M. Shivakumar, Principal, GSSSIETW, said that M.Tech (DCN) offers quality technical education to enrich technical knowledge in Digital Communication and Networking since its inception in 2013. Wide industry exposure has been provided and opportunities have been created for students to carry out internship and real time projects in reputed industries and government organisations.

M.Tech student **Ayisha Tabassum,** who is currently placed as Applied R&D Engineer in Nokia Solutions and Networks, Bengaluru, opined that the efforts of the college in connecting campus to industries has helped her achieve the dream of getting full time internship and the subsequent job in a networking industry.

Dr. Rajendra R. Patil, Professor and Head, Department of ECE, said that M.Tech students are provided with state-of-the-art laboratories including Wireless Communication lab with latest licensed software for carrying out quality projects.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

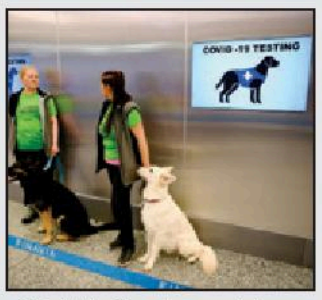
THE HOME DISADVANTAGE: ***If women do a lot more unpaid work than men but society does not value their unpaid work, this structural inequality perpetuates an asymmetric power relationship, both materially and in the mind. Violence against women is just one of the several toxic side-effects of the resulting misogyny. Abusing 'the second sex' can become a socially sanctioned continuum from insults to rape, in this mindset. In this context a recent NSO report is very telling, as it shows that in India the average woman spends 19.5% of her time in unpaid domestic work or care-giving as compared to an average man's 2.5%. This is based on data collected in 2019 and does not factor in the seismic changes wrought by the pandemic. The closing of schools, anganwadis and other childcare centres has of course increased 'the motherhood penalty' across classes and across countries. A UK think tank for instance has found that the lockdown there saw many working mothers able to do only an hour of uninterrupted paid work for every three hours logged in by fathers. All the talk about bringing up boys differently, socialising them in egalitarian thinking and behaviours, can be poppycock when what they see closest up is that both work and respect are deeply segregated by gender. Building a healthier society needs more women doing paid work and men taking up a fairer share of unpaid responsibilities. We also need an augmented version of GDP, which accounts for unpaid work in measuring economic progress.*** —*In The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Five cursing parrots removed from public view

Lincolnshire Wildlife Park: A British wildlife park has removed five African Grey parrots from public view because of the fowls' foul language. Lincolnshire Wildlife Park adopted the parrots about six weeks ago and put them in quarantine together. During their time together, the birds shared the ability to curse up a storm, something they engaged in quite often, according to Steve Nichols, the park's CEO. "The more they swear the more you usually laugh, which then triggers them to swear again," he said. "If they teach the others bad language and I end up with 250 swearing birds, I don't know what we'll do," he added.

Dogs perform COVID-19 tests at airport



Helsinki: Travelers arriving at the Helsinki Airport in Finland are being checked for COVID-19 by dogs. Yes, dogs.

As part of a test project, the airport has started offering voluntary Coronavirus tests that only take 10 seconds without a nasal swab being stuck into your sinuses. Instead, the test is conducted by one of two canines trained to detect the virus by sniffing the sweat of arriving passengers.

After passengers get their luggage from baggage claim, they can volunteer to wipe sweat from their neck and leave the swab in a box. A trainer then puts the box next to containers of other scents for one of the disease-sniffing dogs to sniff.

The process takes about a minute. If the dog gets a positive result from the neck sweat, the person is sent to the airport's health center for a free virus test that might involve something more invasive than a cold nose. If the canine detectors prove their effectiveness, other virus-sniffing dogs could be deployed at hospitals, schools and other places with crowds.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Are copper pipes safe for drinking water?

A recent study has revealed that an over abundance of copper in the capillaries that supply blood to the brain interferes with the function of LRP1, a protein which clears beta amyloid plaque from the brain. Beta amyloid is a protein that can accumulate in the brain, ushering in Alzheimer's symptoms.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mandya

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	206
Total positive cases	:	11,774
Total discharges	:	9,744
Total deaths	:	110
Total active cases	:	1,920

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	179
Total positive cases	:	4,381
Total discharges	:	3,157
Total deaths	:	79
Total active cases	:	1,134

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	37
Total positive cases	:	2,870
Total discharges	:	2,327
Total deaths	:	40
Total active cases	:	503

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	460
Total positive cases	:	18,023
Total discharges	:	13,850
Total deaths	:	310
Total active cases	:	3,863

Really...?

- *The name Jeep came from the abbreviation used in the army for the "General Purpose" vehicle, G.P.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher told Johnny to write an essay of 100 words. Johnny thought for a moment and stared to write. "I went to call my puppy in for the night and I called "puppy, puppy, puppy…..".!

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.32
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 94.83
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.95
1 Euro	= Rs. 85.91

VOICE OF THE READER

Pay and Park need of the hour on D.D. Urs Road

Sir,

Devaraj Urs Road exemplifies the troubles of free parking just perfectly. Considering that it is among the busiest commercial avenues in city, it is not hard to infer why the demand for a parking space on the street is so high. Regardless of whether it be a weekday or a weekend, finding a vacant parking space there is increasingly becoming a serious challenge.

A lot of people park their cars on Narayana Shastri Road and walk back to their destination on DD Urs Road. At first glance it would be very tempting to infer that this is a classic case of insufficient parking. On introspection and going by basic economic rationale, the real issue is in underpricing (or not pricing) parking.

This problem is further compounded by a possible scenario wherein the shop owners themselves bring their cars and park all day! I would be surprised if each shop has been consuming only 1 parking space. If all shop owners parking their cars all day, where would potential customers park? Those that would have been customers are now otherwise going and visiting malls because parking spots are assured.

Is it hard to follow such a line of reasoning? Not only could free parking increase congestion, but also reduce business for the shops! In a scenario where cars parked are made to pay, albeit not exorbitantly, everyone benefits. Parking spaces on the street are better utilised — cars won't remain parked beyond what is gravely necessary, more people can use a given space, this translates to greater footfall into the shops.

The city stands to gain immensely from pay and park. Mysuru has been at the epicentre of attempts to make transportation sustainable. Some of the projects have received support and initiative from multilateral funding agencies such as the World Bank itself. Considering all this, it would be a serious misstep by subsidising parking like this.

Parking revenues seem tiny at face value, but can be a massive source of revenue to the civic body if implemented right. D.D. Urs Road is only the tip of the iceberg. A comprehensive city wide plan to treat parking as just another commodity is the need of the hour.

—Anirudh

Mysuru
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Factory to Customers Direct Sale

Avail huge discounts on branded clothes at Hotel Pai Vista

Mysuru, Oct. 4- As more people are opting for online shopping due to Corona crisis, garment factories are suffering a huge loss. Hence, to clear the stocks they are offering huge discounts on all garments (ladies, gents and children).

The sale, which began at Hotel Pai Vista in city yesterday, will go on till Oct. 6 from 10 am to 9 pm.

Over 50,000 varieties of ladies, gents and kids branded clothes, including T-shirts, pants, low wears, bermudas, ladies tops, kurthis, pyjamas, palazo and other designer wears, are available for sale directly from the factories to customers priced between Rs. 200 and Rs. 350. No agents, wholesalers and commission agents are entertained.

As per Government's directive, wearing of masks, using sanitiser and maintaining social distance have been made mandatory.

All the necessary precautions are in place and customers need not worry to visit the sale, say the organisers.

Illumination works begin in city

Mysuru, Oct. 4 (RK&SSV)- The Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Company (CESC) has started preparations for the illumination of all important circles and thoroughfare in the city for the coming Dasara festival.

Although the State Government has decided to celebrate this year Dasara in a simple manner, the CESC has undertaken necessary works at all important circles, main roads and high traffic junctions, for illumination. Officials concerned are running against the time to complete illumination work as hardly 12 days are left for inauguration of Dasara festivities.

Roads around Mysore Palace, K.R. Circle, Hardinge Circle, Pathashala Circle, Chamaraja Double Road, D.D. Urs Road, Sayyaji Rao Road, JLB Road, Hunsur Road and Ashoka Road are being spruced up to put colourful lighting. The licenced contractors are executing the works in different parts of the city.

Dasara Elephants Webinar Series

Veterinarian gives insight of Dasara Jumbos

Mysuru, Oct. 4 (MTY&SSV)- Elephant becomes enraged if you burst crackers or honk horns, opined veterinarian Dr. D.N. Nagaraj, a who looks after Dasara elephants.

Speaking on the topic 'Dasara elephants in Palace' at the 9th webinar of the series of webinars titled 'Mysuru Dasara Aanegalu' organised by Forest Department, in association with Asian Elephant Support (AES), he said the elephants are selected every year by visiting various camps.

Dr. Nagaraj said the first batch of Dasara elephants which are brought to the Palace comprises four male and two female and the second batch consists of six elephants. Though, one elephant will carry the 750 kg-weighing Golden Howdah, two other jumbos are also trained in this task as precaution. Preparations for 'Gajapayana' will begin in June or July such as calling tender for the construction of sheds to house the mahouts, kavadis and their family members. The priest of Kodi Someshwara Temple will fix an auspicious time for the 'Gajapayana'.

"Compared to female elephants, male elephants are given more nutritious food and

Veterinarian Dr. D.N. Nagaraj

the quantity is decided on the weight of each jumbo. Plenty of vegetables and butter are given to them. After breakfast at 6 am, they are fed with adequate quantity of water and then taken for rehearsal. Till one week, no weight will be placed on them. They will be made to walk for five km from the Palace premises till Bannimantap Torchlight Parade Grounds to acclimatise the jumbos to the sound of vehicles, honking of horns and the crowd," Dr. Nagaraj said.

Dr. Nagaraj informed that since the jumbos are used living in forests, they should not get frightened after seeing the illuminated Palace.

Initially, sand bags weighing 300-400 kg are mounted on the back of howdah-carrying elephant and then the weight is increased gradually, Dr. Nagaraj said and added that after a few days, the wooden howdah is mounted on the howdah carrying elephant and rehearsals are conducted.

Most importantly, utmost care is taken during firing of canons to give 21-gun salute to the Goddess Chamundeshwari idol placed inside the Golden Howdah on the *Jumboo Savari* day. They are taken near a spot where the canons are fired to get them used to the booming sound.

On Vijayadashami Day, food such as puffed rice, jaggery and glucose are stocked at five points along the procession route for the elephants. Emergency medicines and tranquilliser are kept ready and four teams of veterinary and Forest personnel are deployed at four points as precaution.

Earlier, M.T. Yogesh Kumar, *Star of Mysore* reporter, gave details of 'Gajapayana'. Dr. Mamatha Sathyanarayan, convener of Webinar, Dr. M.N. Sachin Raj, V.C. Pritvisagar, B.R. Shivakumar, N. Ponnaccha, Gowtham Ramesh, Ranjan Mohan, Dr. Amar Koushik had recorded the daily routine of Dasara elephants, which was played in 10th series of the webinar.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Zilla Panchayat Meeting on Oct. 6

The General Meeting of Mysuru Zilla Panchayat (ZP) will be held at the ZP auditorium in city on Oct. 6 at 11 am. ZP President Parimala Shyam will chair the meeting, according to a press release from the ZP Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

Zoo animals adopted

The following individuals have adopted the animals of Mysuru Zoo under 'Adoption of Animals' scheme by paying the adoption fee: N.S. Anup Bharadwaj, Bengaluru - Eclectus Parrot (Rs. 2,000), B. Chidambaram, Mysuru - Common Rat Snake (Rs. 1,000), according to a press release from the Zoo Executive Director.

Eye screening at Annapoorna

Hootagalli and Hebbal branches of Annapoorna Eye Hospital have organised a eye screening for cataract identification and other vision problems at their premises every Sunday this month (Oct. 4, 11, 18 and 25) between 10 am and 9 pm. For details, contact Hospital Manager Vinod Nair (88844-88262), according to a press release from Annapoorna Hospital.

Punya Smarane

Karnataka Rajya Vokkaligara Vikasa Vedike - Vishwa Vokkaligara Parishat, Mysuru, as part of Rajya Vokkaligara Sangha Founders Rao Bahadur H.K. Ramaiah and Dharma Pravartaka Rao Bahaddur D. Banumaiah Punya Smarane, will be offering puja in the burial ground at the foot of Chamundi Hill at 11.30 am tomorrow (Oct. 5). For details, contact Mob: 99864-03488 or 99026-98623, according to a press release from the Vedike.

Cauvery Theerthodbhava to be celebrated as per tradition on Oct. 17: Minister

- COVID test must for those attending the event
- Devotees cannot take Holy dip in Talacauvery pond

Madikeri, Oct. 4- Kodagu District Minister V. Somanna has instructed officials to celebrate Cauvery Theerthodbhava at Talacauvery on Oct.17 in a traditional manner, giving no scope for any lapses.

Presiding over a meeting on the preparations being made for Theerthodbhava at the ZP Hall here yesterday, Somanna said that the officials must ensure maintenance of COVID-19 precautionary and safety measures during the event and see to it that there are no lapses in the conduct of rituals.

Noting that Legislators must come forward for developing Talacauvery shrine, he said those attending the event must undergo COVID test.

On the occasion, Minister Somanna handed over a cheque for Rs. 1 crore to Kodagu Deputy Commissioner (DC) Annies Kanmani Joy for Thalacauvery development which was promised by Revenue Minister R. Ashoka and Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Mayor Goutham Kumar when they took part in the Cauvery Theerthodbhava event last year.

Talacauvery-Bhagamandala Temple Committee President B.S. Thammaiah, explaining the decisions taken by the Committee, said that due to COVID-19, the devotees will not be allowed to take bath in the pond at Talacauvery this year. Instead, Holy water collected after Theerthodbhava will be sprinkled on the devotees, he pointed out.

He further said that devotees can take bath in Triveni Sangama in Bhagamandala as it is flowing water. There will be no permission for mass feeding and taking holy water in tractor-tankers will also be not allowed this year, he added.

Madikeri MLA Appachu Ranjan said it is mandatory for devotees attending the event to have COVID test report.

Kodagu Minister V. Somanna, during a meeting yesterday, handing over a cheque for Rs. 1 crore to Kodagu DC Annies Kanmani Joy for Thalacauvery development which was promised by Revenue Minister R. Ashoka and BBMP Mayor Goutham Kumar when they took part in the Cauvery Theerthodbhava event last year.

Theerthodbhava at 7.03 am

Theerthodbhava will occur at 7.03 am on Oct.17 in the auspicious *Kanya Lagna*. As a prelude to the event, the customary rituals began this morning with the performance of 'Aagna Muhurat' at 10.33 am in the auspicious *Vrishchika Lagna*.

On Oct.14, the Holy 'Akshaya Paatre' will be placed in the auspicious *Dhanur Lagna* at 11.45 am, following which Offering Boxes will be kept in *Meena Lagna* at 5.15 pm the same day.

Simple Dasara at Madikeri and Gonikoppa

Madikeri, Oct. 4- In another meeting at the ZP Hall yesterday, Minister V. Somanna discussed preparations for Madikeri and Gonikoppa Dasara celebrations. Highlighting the glory of historical Madikeri Dasara, Somanna said that due to the outbreak of the pandemic, it has been decided to celebrate Madikeri and Gonikoppa Dasara in a simple manner.

Pointing out that it is important for everyone to understand the grave situation created by the deadly Coronavirus, he stressed on the need for everyone to discharge their responsibility in a careful manner.

Though Dasara will be simple, the officials must give no scope for any lapses or shortcomings in the traditional celebration, he stated.

Somanna also announced that the State Government will release a total of Rs. 15 lakh for Madikeri and Gonikoppa Dasara.

Virajpet MLA K.G. Bopaiah said that Madikeri Dasara must be celebrated as per customs, while also following COVID-19 guidelines issued by the Centre.

Noting that the traditional 'Karaga Utsava' will take place in the usual traditional manner, Bopaiah said it is important to ensure COVID safety measures during the celebration.

Pointing out that 10 temples will take out *Kalashas* in religious processions marking Madikeri Dasara, he suggested that Dasara at Gonikoppa must be celebrated with the performance of Chamundeshwari Puja.

Madikeri MLA Appachu Ranjan wanted the authorities to impose prohibitory orders under Section 144 Cr.PC during Dasara event.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha said that in the wake of COVID-19, the authorities must ensure that there will be lesser number of people for the event.

Dasara Committee office-bearers Jagadish and Umesh Subramani said that though Dasara will be a low-key affair this year, the traditions and customs will be followed.

Kodagu Deputy Commissioner (DC) Annies Kanmani Joy, ADC Dr. Sneha, ZP CEO Bhanwar Singh Meena, Assistant Commissioner Eshwar Kumar Khandu, MLCs Veena Achaiah and Sunil Subramani, ZP President B.A. Harish, Vice-President Lokeshwari Gopal, Dasara Committee President Robin Devaiah and other officials were present at the meeting.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	124.80 ft
Yesterday	124.80 ft
Inflow	6,170 cusecs
Outflow	5,913 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Yesterday	2,283.68 ft
Inflow	1,550 cusecs
Outflow	2,050 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,858.64 ft
Inflow	1,134 cusecs
Outflow	1,500 cusecs

Alleged kidnap of a child near Srikanteshwara Temple

One taken into Police custody, investigation picks up pace

Nanjangud, Oct. 4 (RS&KS)- A three-year-old girl has been allegedly kidnapped near Srikanteshwara Temple in the town and the Police, who have taken one person into their custody are interrogating him.

The kidnapped girl is the daughter of Parvathi of K.R. Nagar, who ekes out a living by seeking alms from devotees near the Temple since three years.

According to the complaint lodged by Parvathi with Nanjangud Town Police, on Thursday, a stranger approached her and gave Rs. 10 to the child and told Parvathi that he would take care of the child if she gives her to him.

Parvathi, who was shocked when the stranger asked her to give him her child, left from the spot along with the child and came near the Temple chariot.

After a few minutes, Parvathi went to attend nature's call and when she came back in a few minutes she found her child missing. She immediately lodged a kidnap complaint with the Police.

Nanjangud Town Police, who registered a case, have taken a tea vendor into their custody and are interrogating him. The Police have also collected CCTV footages of cameras installed in the surroundings of the Temple and have launched a hunt to nab the accused.

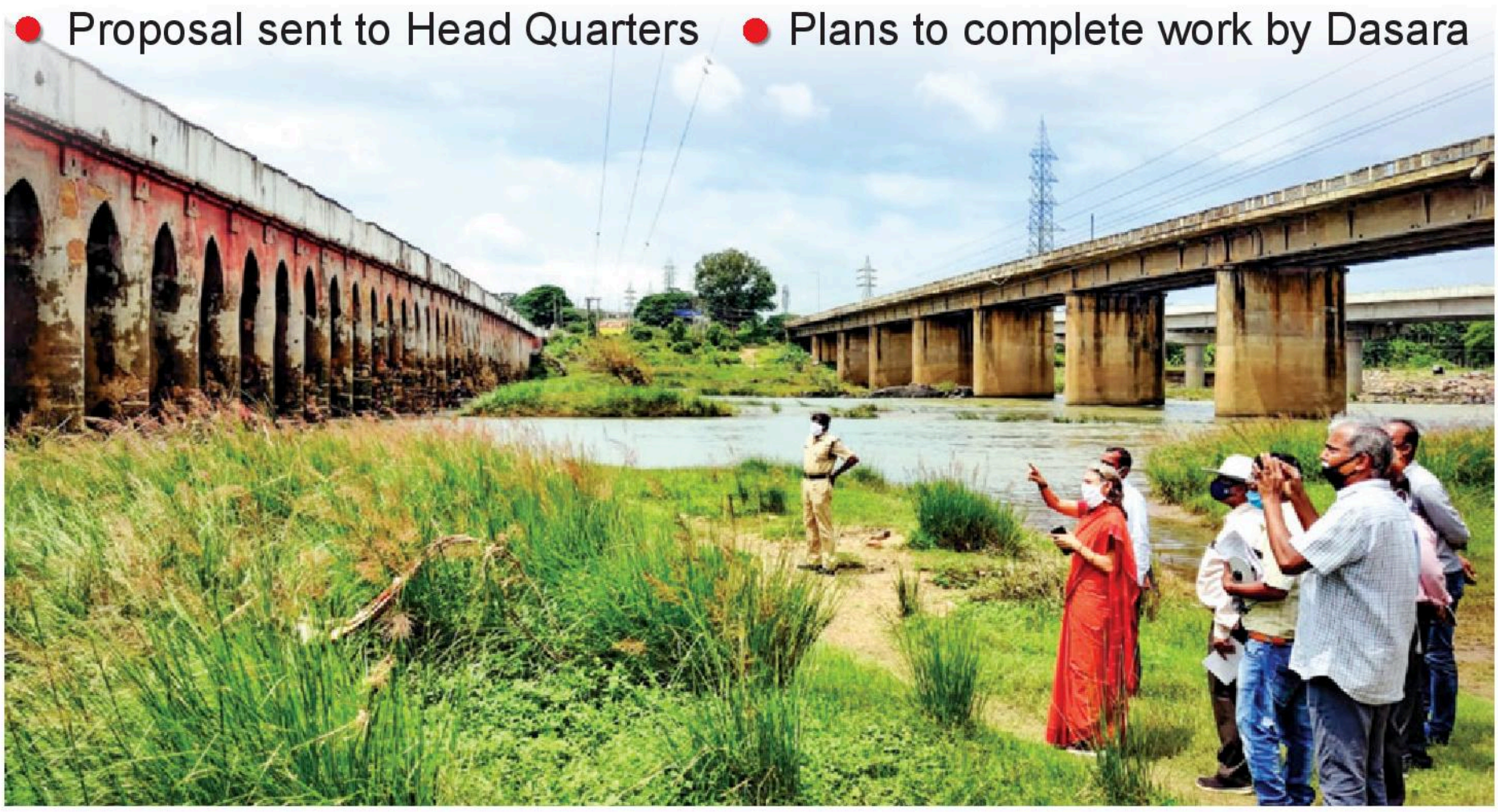
Sub-Inspector Ravikumar, speaking to *SOM* said that, Parvathi's two-year-old son too had gone missing earlier and six persons were arrested in this regard. He further said that steps have been taken to check their fingerprints to find out if they are involved in the kidnap.

He further said that now, Parvathi's three-year-old daughter has been kidnapped and the kidnappers would be brought to book soon.

Circle Inspector Lakshmikanth Talawar, SI Ravikumar and others visited the spot.

Railways to give facelift to historic Kabini Bridge in Nanjangud

- Proposal sent to Head Quarters
- Plans to complete work by Dasara



By Shyam Sundar Vattam

Mysuru, Oct.4- Once again exhibiting love for heritage structures, the Mysuru Division of South Western Railway (SWR) has come forward to give a facelift to the historic bridge across River Kabini in the Temple Town of Nanjangud. If everything goes well, the renovated bridge will be thrown open for public view during this year's Dasara celebrations. Thanks to Aparna Garg, Divisional Railway Manager, Mysuru Division, this heritage structure is ready for spruce up.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* Aparna Garg said she developed interest towards this historic bridge after going through Railway records and personally visited the spot to have a glimpse of the bridge that was in use till a new bridge was built.

She said she was awestruck with the engineering marvel of this bridge that was built nearly 300 years ago and the structure is sturdy despite being exposed to harsh weather till date. "I personally spoke to our Railway Engineers who agreed to give a facelift and to maintain the heritage structure," the DRM said.

She said a Rs. 50 lakh proposal has been sent to the Divisional Head Quarters in Hubballi seeking permission to revive this historic bridge and was awaiting clearance.

The total length of Kabini Bridge is 225 meters with 56 piers. Once permission is given, the Railways will first clear the bushes all around abutments, plastering of damaged piers, repair of damaged parapet wall and filling up of potholed road leading to the old bridge, colour washing to bridge, appropriate lighting which will add glory to the structure and erecting a board containing detailed information about the historic bridge. "We are also exploring Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funding for the work," she noted.

HISTORY OF THE BRIDGE

The Kabini Bridge, built across Kapila River, has been declared as the oldest bridge with both Railway Line and road on the same bridge by the Government of India. It is located at the entrance of Nanjangud Town. The bridge was built by Dalvoy Devaraj in 1735 with brick, sand and stone in Gothic style. Though it was built before the Railway tracks were laid, the bridge was and is more commonly labelled as a Railway bridge.

The Kabini Bridge has a series of Gothic arches of 10 ft. span with 8 ft. wide intervening piers. The earth cushion over the arch crest is over 5 ft. The foundations are laid on rocky strata and built in lime concrete.

The bridge is of stone masonry with lime concrete filling and mortar. It has 51 spans of 10 feet and before 1902, it existed as a road bridge ferrying bullock, camel and horse carriage traffic across the Kabini.

A narrow gauge Railway line was laid from Mysore to Nanjangud in 1902 and the Railways used the arched bridge to connect it to the Nanjangud Railway Station. Trains ran on this bridge from 1902 to 2007. The last train to run on this heritage rail infrastructure was on Jan. 17, 2007 when the Railways decided to put a stop to meter gauge trains and operate broad gauge trains. Since broad gauge needs a different alignment from narrow and meter gauges, a new bridge was built across the Kabini River.

DC admits difficulty in managing COVID-19 situation in Mysuru

Suttur Seer asks doctors to pen their experience in handling the contagion

Mysuru, Oct. 4 (SSV)- Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rohini Sindhuri said that it was becoming difficult to manage COVID-19 situation in the district with people from neighbouring districts coming here for treatment.

DC Rohini Sindhuri

She was speaking after inaugurating a webinar on 'Leading COVID-19 Management - Lessons and Learns' organised by JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS-AHER) as part of the 105th birth anniversary of Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji, 151st birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and 116th birth anniversary of Lal Bahadur Shastri here on Saturday.

She admitted difficulties in managing COVID-19 situation due to people from neighbouring districts coming here for treatment and said this has resulted in increasing death rates.

Stating that shortage of medical staff and equipment was posing a great challenge for the district administration, she said JSS Hospital was in the forefront of battle against the pandemic and it must join hands with the State Government for better management of situation.

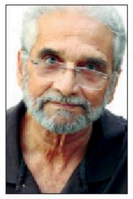
In fact, Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji was giving lot of suggestions to doctors and instilling confidence in them. Co-operation among all Departments and Associations was very important to keep the pandemic under check, she added.

Speaking on the occasion, Suttur Seer said that Mahatma Gandhi practiced truth and non-violence throughout his life, but not many know that he has also written a book called 'Key to Health.' The book contained information on the importance of fasting, mental and physical health and staple food. Gandhiji belonged to the category of rare personalities among human beings, he observed.

The Seer wanted doctors and others to pen their experience and lessons learnt in handling COVID-19 situation as this will help in building a healthy society in future. JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, Secretary S.P. Manjunath, JSS-AHER Pro Vice-Chancellor Dr. B. Suresh, Registrars Dr. Surinder Singh and Dr. B. Manjunatha, JSS Medical College Principal Dr.H. Basavanagowdappa, JSS Hospital Director Dr. (Col) M. Dayananda and R. Mahesh were present.

Hebbal Lake: Birds & Birders' Paradise

Highest number of Glossy Ibis ever sighted in Hebbal Lake.



By Ragoo Rao, Ethologist

Hebbal Lake, a lake nestled in the midst of a bustling industrial area, a lake that was perennial and never went dry, a lake that hosted plenty of migratory birds, a lake that set several first and only sightings of many birds, a lake that had a good inflow of storm water from the surrounding catchment area, a lake that was surrounded by agricultural lands and plantations, was throbbing with life and had developed into an eco-system by itself.

The lake was home to more than 165 species of birds (Observed and recorded over a ten-year period), having many migratory birds visiting this place to spend the winter months from as far away as Northern Europe and Africa.

This lovely and lively lake had started degenerating and decaying, with the industrial and construction activities surrounding the lake area increasing.

Demolished building debris, garbage, slaughter house waste and all sorts of garbage was dumped into the grasslands beside the lake. The inflow storm drains, which were until now filling up the lake with rain water, started bringing in the sewage discharges from the surrounding localities. Gradually, the lake, which once throbbed with life, was getting suffocated and death was imminent. Hebbal Lake was dying.

Fortunately, good sense prevailed on the administration and the lake was offered to private corporates for restoration and development. More fortunate was the willingness and interest, shown by the country's leading Information Technology giant (Infosys), under their Corporate Responsibility Programme (Infosys Foundation), to take over the responsibility of reviving the lake.

All the sub-species of Yellow Wagtails are sighted only in this lake.

What happens when responsible, professional, committed, sensible and people with concept, people with team work spirit, put their minds and effort, to develop something, is to be seen than heard. Hebbal Lake, now, is back to its glory and throbbing with life once again.

Right from the approaching roads, the entrance, the lake bunds, the water spread area, the surrounding area, everything has been made like the way they should be made. Not what can be made, but what should be made, seems to be the *mantra* here.

In the course of the development plan, prominence has been given to the life the lake supported, it was the flora and fauna of the lake, it was the eco-system the lake was, and all developments have been done to suit the needs of the flora and fauna and the water body.

Net Filter to keep off trash inflow to the lake.

Road to the lake.

Steps leading to the lake.

Several island have been created with suitable and appropriate afforestation, the native reeds and aquatic plant life have been restored and retained, the embankment has been planted with several suitable plants and trees to host the bird life.

Prominence given to native shrubs and plants and not to mere ornamental looks, is highly appreciable here. It does not mean that good looks and aesthetics have been ignored, everything has been handled creating a balance between aesthetics and nativity restoration.

With this kind of a fertile and congenial lake restoration, the final appreciation and certification for the right kind of development has been awarded by nature, yes, nature has endorsed and appreciated the development.

The resident and migratory birds, which once thronged Hebbal Lake, before vandalism of the lake began, had started drifting away from the lake to better locations, during the unholy and uncared for period.

Now, from last year, with the lake holding a good spread of water, good supporting trees and aquatic vegetation, strategically created islands and mud banks, no vandalism, the birds decided to come back.

Come back they have but better than the earlier periods. They have started arriving in hundreds and thousands, like never before, even to the original unspoilt lake. This is the final approval by nature, that, the lake is like what it should be.

To quote a few examples of acceptance by the migratory and resident birds:

Glossy ibis - Plegadis falcinellus, a black shiny bird, with iridescent colours on the body, which were formerly wintering here, were sighted either single or in a few pairs, the final count not being more than dozen birds.

Little Grebes with nest and eggs.

Grebes Nesting

Little Grebe with chicks riding piggy-back.

River Terns sighted for the first time in the history of Hebbal Lake.

This year, these birds came in huge flocks, so huge were the flocks, the birders and migrant watchers were baffled. Never had this huge flocks of this species were sighted earlier; the flocks were having more than a few hundred birds and they kept coming in.

Northern Pintail - Anas acuta, a duck species, which comes down from the European countries in winter to spend their winter, migrated down to Hebbal Lake for the first time. These species do come to Karnataka, but they are sighted in our KRS backwaters and not in Hebbal Lake. This is the first time sighted in this lake. Huge flocks were sighted, staying comfortably until the first few summer showers and the they left.

Northern Shovelers - Anas clypeata, a regular visitor and one of the earliest arrivals from the Northern Hemisphere, to this lake were sighted in less than a hundred birds until now. This year, they arrived in huge flocks of several hundreds and stayed for the full winter, until the first summer rains, urged them to fly back.

River Tern - Sterna aurantia, as the name itself suggests, is a bird of the rivers. A fish-hunting bird as big as a pigeon, white in colour with yellow beak and red legs with a two tails feathers streaming like ribbons, visited this lake. This is the only and first record of sighting these species in a Hebbal Lake. These birds do not inhabit any lake. They are riverine birds, but they landed here and has been documented.

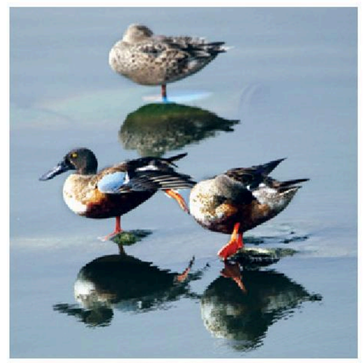
Crested Serpent Eagle - Spilornis cheela, a predatory bird, a predatory raptor of the riverine forests, regularly sighted in the Cauvry riverside hunting rodents and snakes, visited this lake for the first time ever. This has been documented.

Baillon's Crake - Porzana pusilla, a shy and evasive bird, which leads a secretive life, coming out at dusk to forage, a bird that breeds in the Himalayas, comes down South to winter. This species was sighted for the first time in this lake which has been documented.

The lake is once again hosting many wintering species of Wagtails, Sandpipers, Snipes and Stints, which have all increased in their numbers many times.

The resident birds like the Larks, Doves, Pigeons, Herons, Storks, Cormorants and Darters are all settled well here without fear of molestation. Thanks to the security measures and controlled visitor timings.

Little Grebes - Tachybaptus ruficollis and Eurasian Coots - Fulica atra, Grey-headed Swamphen - Porphyrio poliocephalus and Bronze-winged Jacana - Metopidius indicus, though resident birds of the lake, which had started drifting away from here for nesting and breeding, have now started nesting and breeding here, as the conditions are very favourable to them. Right now there are plenty of Grebes and Coots nests, some with eggs some with chicks.



Northern Pintails pair.

Eurasian Coots chasing each other.

Hebbal Lake, now with a full spread of water, wonderfully well-forested islands, the rich aquatic vegetation, a well-managed Water Purification Plant, to purify any toxic water that might creep into the lake, let out by irresponsible processing units in the area, is a show-piece, an example in restoration, an example in showing how things can be managed professionally with commitment.

In all, this development planning and execution, visitor-friendliness is not sacrificed. In fact, Hebbal Lake is an ideal place for the joggers and evening walkers. With fresh air and unpolluted and pleasant surroundings, even a visit to this place brings a smile on anybody's face.

Hebbal Lake is now a Birds Sanctuary, a birding hotspot of Mysuru, a must visit place for birders and bird photographers, a place of Migrant Watch Study and a place to cherish and keep it that way, without littering and spoiling the serenity of the lake.

Hebbal Lake ecosystem is back and flourishing. Let's keep it that way ▪

Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Nostalgically Speaking – 11

Kempaiah IPS: Officer Who Made A Difference - 2

[Continued from Sept. 27]

When Kempaiah came here as a Police Commissioner there were about six honourable predecessors in office, who quietly occupied an obscure corner of the Mounted Police building on Lalitha Mahal Palace Road and forgot about the fact that it was only a temporary arrangement. Each Commissioner thought, it was for the Government to provide him an office and a chair and he has no role to play even in enabling the Government to find out a place and set up an Office of the Commissionerate!

It was given to a great Police Officer like Kempaiah to identify a place and then acquire it for the purpose, facing lot of objections from people who merely talk for publicity sake but do nothing thereafter. The Band House where the Police Commissioner's Office is located now was an abandoned place, badly dilapidated, used by gamblers and goons for playing cards, immoral activities and for butchering animals. It was a band stand of Maharaja's days abandoned long back with an equally abandoned park in front.

When Kempaiah sought to restore it and use it as the permanent office for the Police Commissioner, there was a hue and cry from our pseudo-heritage buffs like our pseudo-secularists. But then, with little help from the then Deputy Chief Minister Siddharamaiah, Kempaiah won the battle and today the Police Commissioner's Office remains a heritage building with all its heritage characters. In fact, the heritage building was saved because of Kempaiah.

Once again, the Commissionerate did not have its own Parade Ground. They used to conduct their parades at the Karnataka Police Academy [formerly Police Training School] in Jalapuri on courtesy. Kempaiah acquired the abandoned park in front of the band stand and converted it into a beautiful Parade Ground with a solid fort-like wall all around. People used to call it Kempaiah's Fort.

Kempaiah IPS

Sadly, the later incumbents to the Office have not been maintaining it in such a shipshape and shining manner as during his period. Even the brass name plates were not polished and the gates of the 'fort' at the western circle were rarely closed allowing the ubiquitous cattle to stray in.

Similarly at the time of Kempaiah's arrival in the city in Aug. 1996, as the Police Commissioner, a number of Police Stations in downtown area as well as old extensions were crumbling and bore a sinister look as I mentioned earlier. But Kempaiah restored these Police Stations, simultaneously restoring their heritage character and dignity of the Police Department — with it, the competence of its incumbent officers because of the new environment. Those who have seen the old Police Stations will vouch.

When Kempaiah discovered that the Band House Park Parade Ground in Nazarbad is not big enough for **regular parades,** he persuaded a philanthropist to donate some 5 acres of land behind the Mysore Race Course and set up a beautiful **City Police Parade Grounds.** What a magnificent contribution this!

It was once again Kempaiah, who **developed the Horse Park Ground and built a Guest House** there during the time of Asian Games.

If you are travelling to Nanjangud or Ooty from the city, near the junction before the Ganapati Sachchidananda Ashram, at left you will find *Shakthidhama,* a shelter for destitute women. I learn the brain behind this humane institution is also Kempaiah though the inspiration came from Mrs. Parvathamma, wife of thespian Dr. Rajkumar. He also raised money. By the way Kempaiah was said to be very close to Dr. Rajkumar and his family. This centre today is giving shelter and new hope for many hapless, abandoned girls and women.

Many people, VIPs and scholars have visited me in my office, but I was not so much overwhelmed by their visit as when Mrs. Parvathamma Rajkumar along with Film Director Dorai Bhagavan visited me in my office seeking donation for *Shakthidhama*. Such was her commitment to a noble cause dear to her heart.

Sometimes I wonder why a large number of IAS and IPS officers are more inclined to do just what is necessary to please their masters — superiors and Ministers — and are not inclined to serve the people and also walk that extra mile to help the Government they are serving. Hence, in contrast, Kempaiah may look like an odd person in this scenario, to some of his own fellow officers, yet he is an extraordinary Police Officer and an authentic patriotic citizen.

It must be September-October 2004, 16 years ago to this 2020. As usual I was on my morning walk alone on the road to Uthanahalli along the rim of Chamundi Hill from my house in K.C. Nagar, near helipad. As I turned the bend towards the village, I see a person wearing a red P-cap walking briskly towards me. Soon a van that could be identified by its extra fittings as of Police, came into view and found there were a couple of men trailing behind the man in red P-cap. When we met face-to-face it did not take much time to recognise each other and exchange greetings in a loud, happy manner — like 'hail the fellow well met', though after four years. Kempaiah had just taken charge as the IGP Southern Range and was on his regular walk with full security. After exchanging pleasantries he said 'Come with me, let us walk together' in pure Kannada and I readily agreed.

As our conversation continued on varied subjects, I mentioned to him about a couple of Police Constables approaching me for seat in Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB) School for their children and also to get the 'donation' reduced. I was and also at present the Vice-Chairman of BVB. I told Kempaiah I always helped them and mentioned how some **brilliant children of Police personnel** (not of officers rank) are deprived of admission to good Public Schools and specially English medium schools due to financial reasons. I suggested that as a senior Police Officer who had gone beyond the call of his duty to help his Department and men when he was the Police Commissioner here (already mentioned by me earlier above in the first part of this article), he should think of establishing a **Police Public School** with English medium to give free or at a nominal fee admission to the **Bright and Brilliant children of Police personnel.** I gave him the example of COPS (Coorg Public School) in Gonikoppal, Kodagu as a model for school standard. To my utter surprise he instantly agreed to my suggestion and asked if I could suggest some land for this purpose.

[To be continued]

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MCC General Council Meet

RT-PCR test mandatory

Mysuru, Oct. 4- The General Council Meeting of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) will be held at its Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar auditorium on Oct. 6 from 11 pm onwards.

In view of increasing number of COVID positive cases in city, all Council Members have been advised to undergo RT-PCR test for Covid-19 without fail before attending the meeting.

District Health and Family Welfare Department health officials and team will be conducting Covid-19 RT-PCR test at MCC premises tomorrow (Oct. 5) from 8 am to 12 pm and all Council Members have been asked to compulsorily undergo the test, according to a release from the Deputy Commissioner.

Book release

Mysuru, Oct. 4- A book on COVID-19 will be released tomorrow (Oct. 5) at a programme to be held at Vijnana Bhavan, Manasagangothri here at 11 am.

COVID Warriors will be feted on the occasion. MLAs Tanveer Sait, S.A. Ramdas and L. Nagendra and Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri will be the chief guests. Varsity Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar will preside.

Book Editor, Russian Research Scientist Syed Baker, S. Satish of Department of Microbiology, UoM and M.N. Nagendra Prasad of Department of Biotechnology, JSS Science and Technology University will be present.

Applications invited

Mysuru, Oct. 4- Minority Welfare Department has invited applications from eligible students for admission to 6th to 10th standard and 1st and 2nd PUC (Science, PCMP and Commerce, HEBA) in Morarji Desai Residential School / College and Moulana Azad Model School (English medium), for the academic year 2020-21.

Applications can be submitted at Morarji Desai Residential School and PU College, Doddakanya; Morarji Desai Residential School at Halaganahalli in Periyapatna taluk and Moulana Azad English Model Schools in Kesare, Nizamiya, Shobha Garden and Hunsur. Oct. 10 is the last date to submit the applications.

For details, contact District Office of Minority Welfare Department or call Mob: 96209-25247 or 89510-87207, according to a release.

Traditional puja offered to Palace cannons

City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, along with DCPs Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda and M.S. Geetha Prasanna, City Armed Reserve (CAR) DCP Shivaraj and ACP Sudarshan, offered traditional puja to Palace Cannons this morning. The dry training in firing the cannons will commence tomorrow and for the first time, the Dasara elephants will stay inside the Palace during the cannon firing drill rehearsal session for Dasara elephants to acclimatise with the loud sound. Usually the cannon firing drill rehearsal sessions were held at the parking lot near Varaha Gate of Mysore Palace and the Dasara elephants and Police horses are taken to the spot.

COVID test must for traders, vendors

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Besides, people who are having primary or secondary contact with the Corona positive patients must visit any of the free testing centre and get checked. The citizens must join hands with the MCC and Health Department to bring the pandemic under control as early as possible, MCC Commissioner urged.

Meanwhile, Dr. D.G. Nagaraj, MCC Health Officer, told *Star of Mysore* this morning, that free testing for traders and roadside vendors will begin from tomorrow. They were informed about the mandatory test this morning. As of now, they have not decided where to hold two tests considering the number of traders and roadside vendors.

It will be difficult to conduct the tests separately for them at Town Hall as hundreds of citizens from all over the city will be present. So, the MCC is toying with the idea of conducting the tests near *Chikka Gadiyara* (Dufferin Clock Tower) situated just in front of Devaraja Market. A decision will be taken by tomorrow morning, he said.

24 x 7 Testing Centre

The MCC Commissioner said a 24x7 Testing Centre will be established at K.R. Hospital tomorrow (Monday) so that people can undergo two tests anytime. Apart from this, mobile teams have been set up by Health Department which will visit industrial areas in different parts of the city and the slums where COVID test will be conducted free of cost.

List of Testing Centres

1. Primary Health Centre (PHC), HHMBG, Kurubarahalli Circle; **2.** PHC, Chamundipuram; **3.** Community Health Centre, Jayanagar; **4.** Janani Kalyana Mantap, Srirampura; **5.** Builders' Association, Vishweshwaranagar; **6.** Government School near Somani College, Kuvempunagar; **7.** Near Bireshwara Temple, T.K. Layout; **8.** V.V. Puram Maternity Hospital; **9.** District COVID Hospital; **10.** CITB Choultry, Hebbal; **11.** PHC, Kumbarakoppal; **12.** PHC, Bannimantap; **13.** Town Hall premises; **14.** PHC, Rajendranagar; **15.** PHC, Kailasapuram; **16.** District TB Centre, Benki Nawab Street, Mandi Mohalla; **17.** K.R. Hospital; **18.** PHC, Veeranagere; **19.** Bal Bhavan, Bannimantap; **20.** Amphi Theatre, Rajivnagar; **21** Beedi Workers' Colony and **22.** PHC, Giriyabovipalya.

In-charge Officers appointed

Devaraja Market: Arasukumari, Revenue Officer, Zonal Office-2 (Mob: 83101-92876) and Balarama (Mob: 72645-80528).

Vani Vilas Market: Siddaraju, Assistant Revenue Officer, Zonal Office-6 (96633-69134) and Siddaraju (94484-33981).

Gandhi Nagar and Mandi Market: Asha, Revenue Officer, Zonal Office-6 (88610-42695) and Nandakumar (90353-45501).

The in-charge officers have been strictly instructed not to allow those traders who refuse to undergo free testing for COVID-19.

COVID review meeting

Meanwhile, Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar is said to be 'shocked' to see a large gathering during 'Gajapayana' event held in Mysore Palace premises on Friday.

Concerned over spurt in Corona positive cases in Mysuru city and district, he will be holding a review meeting at Zilla Panchayat auditorium in city tomorrow at 11 am.

Sources close to the Minister told *SOM* that the Minister has collected photographs of 'Gajapayana' event where more than 500 persons had gathered at the Palace to welcome Dasara elephants. He will be taking stock of COVID-19 situation in the city and district ahead of Dasara-2020 from Oct. 17. The Minister is learnt to have discussed with CM B.S. Yediyurappa about the huge gathering during 'Gajapayana.'

City Cops ready with Dasara security plan

Waiting for guidelines from State Government

Mysuru, Oct. 4 (RK&SSV)- The Mysuru City Police are waiting for guidelines from the State Government regarding number of tableaux and contingents participating in this year's Dasara *Jumboo Savari* procession following directions from Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa to celebrate Nada Habba in a simple manner due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Dr. Chandragupta

However, the City Cops are ready with a blueprint of security arrangements to be implemented on Dasara procession day. Unlike previous years, there is a lot of confusion about the number of people permitted inside Mysore Palace because of two separate guidelines issued by the Union Government and the State Government.

While the Union Home Ministry has permitted only 200 persons for any religious/ political gathering, the State Government has capped it to just 100 following spike in Corona Positive cases across the State. A clear picture on the number of people to be allowed inside the Palace will be made known in the coming days.

Meanwhile, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta told *SOM* that though State Government has decided to hold this year Dasara in simple manner, the Department is ready with its plan. A security plan has been prepared by DCP (Law and Order) A.N. Prakash Gowda in association with ACPs (Palace Security and Devaraja Sub-Division) on deployment of Police at all the gates of the Palace and inside.

The biggest challenge before them this time will be to prevent people from entering the Palace to watch procession. So, senior Cops will be posted at all the Palace gates and also near temporary elephant camp. A large posse of police will guard the gate from where VVIPs enter the Palace.

No outside Police

The Top Cop said that this time there will be no Police Force from other districts in view of simple Dasara. Every year, around 3,000 Police personnel were coming to city on Dasara duty.

The Commissionerate of Police has around 4,000 personnel and they, along with City Armed Reserve, District Armed Reserve, Karnataka State Reserve Police and Mounted Police will be drawn into security duty on the final day of Dasara festival. Total number of personnel will be decided in the coming days, he added.

Dr. Chandragupta, who is in-charge of Dasara Bandobust Committee, said adequate security arrangements will be made on procession route (inside the Palace) and other main gates. Keeping COVID-19 situation in view, Police will be deployed as per Ministry of Home Affairs guidelines.

C.T. Ravi resigns as Minister

Bengaluru, Oct. 4 (KMS&DM)- In a sudden development late on Saturday, Kannada and Culture Minister C.T. Ravi resigned from B.S. Yediyurappa Cabinet, in keeping with the BJP's policy of 'one man one post.'

C.T.Ravi

Ravi was recently appointed as BJP's National General Secretary and only on Friday, State BJP Chief Nalin Kumar Kateel had observed that Ravi should voluntarily quit the Cabinet in keeping with the party's policy of 'one man one post.'

Ravi submitted his resignation letter to Chief Minister B.S.Yediyurappa. However, the CM is yet to accept it, it is learnt. Along with his resignation letter, Ravi is said to have submitted a booklet containing his achievements as Minister in the past one year.

Ravi was inducted into the State Cabinet last year after BJP formed the Government following the collapse of JD(S)-Congress Coalition Government and was allotted Kannada and Culture and Tourism portfolio.

Pre-wedding photo shoot at Palace premises?

Video goes viral on social media

Mysuru, Oct. 4 (SBD&KS)- A video, pertaining to a pre- wedding photo shoot of a couple from Tamil Nadu in Mysore Palace premises has gone viral on social media.

Meanwhile, Mysore Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya said that pre-wedding photo shoots are not encouraged in Palace premises and added that thousands of tourists visit the Palace every day and take photos and videos besides stating that there is no restrictions for tourists clicking photos and capturing videos.

Obituary

M. Sathyanarayana Hegde

Mysuru, Oct. 4 - M. Sathyanarayana Hegde (64), a resident of Gokulam, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, a son, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Muktidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage yesterday, according to family sources.

WORD OF THE DAY

Emollient

Pronunciation: ih-MAHL-yunt.
Meaning: Something that softens or soothes.
Origin: Emollient derives from the present participle of the Latin verb emollire, which, unsurprisingly, means "to soften or soothe." Emollire, in turn, derives ultimately from mollis, meaning "soft." Another descendant of mollis is mollify (essentially meaning "to make softer in temper or disposition"). A more distant relative is mild, which can be traced back to the same ancient source as mollis. The adjective emollient first appeared in print in English in the early 1600s; the noun arrived on the scene soon after.
Example: "The good news is it's not impossible or even terribly hard to mix up some of your own hand sanitizer. Commercial variants are little more than a whole lot of ordinary alcohol and a generous dollop of some kind of emollient to keep the skin from drying out." — Jeffrey Kluger

THE ODD WORD

Eccaleobion

Incubator.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Even a broken clock is right twice

Meaning: A person who is considered to be unreliable can still be right about something every once in a while, even if it is by accident.
Origin: A broken clock is obviously going to be unreliable, as it cannot properly tell you the time. So whenever you look at it, the time it shows will be wrong. Well, mostly, because even a busted clock that has its minute and hour hands stuck in place will still be right twice a day, hence the clock is correct on occasion. This is comparable to a person who, like a broken clock (in that they often give wrong or unreliable information about things), even they can still be correct at times.
This phrase goes back to at least the early 18th century. It was used in a magazine called The Spectator, by Joseph Addison and Richard Steele, from the year 1711:
"If instead of running after the mode, they would continue fixed in one certain habit, the mode would come time or other overtake them, as a clock that stands still is sure to point right once in twelve hours."

QUOTE BOX

Clocks slay time. Time is dead as long as it is being clicked off by little wheels; only when the clock stops does time come to life.— **William Faulkner**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Noon tea.

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 T202 in Roman numerals
5 Short for 'and the rest', (etcetera)
8 "O all" could be a girl?
12 Types of East Indian shrubs
13 Indian dish
14 Airline to Tel Aviv (2,2)
15 Introduction
17 Settled, came back to earth?
18 Fruit drink
19 Popular F1 venue
21 To correct
24 Rod
25 Obscene
26 Madonna's ____ girl
30 Sugar suffix
31 Desert haven
32 Radio Mgmnt. Unit
33 Trounces, beats soundly
35 Snow runners
36 Very happy
37 The idiot box (2,3)
38 A large snake which swallows its prey
41 One of the Three Stooges?
42 North central US state
43 Deer-like animal
48 Famous London statue
49 Prolonged loud and distracting noise
50 Pulled tight
51 Take it easy
52 Speak ___ of : say something unfavourable about?
53 They are related to a newt

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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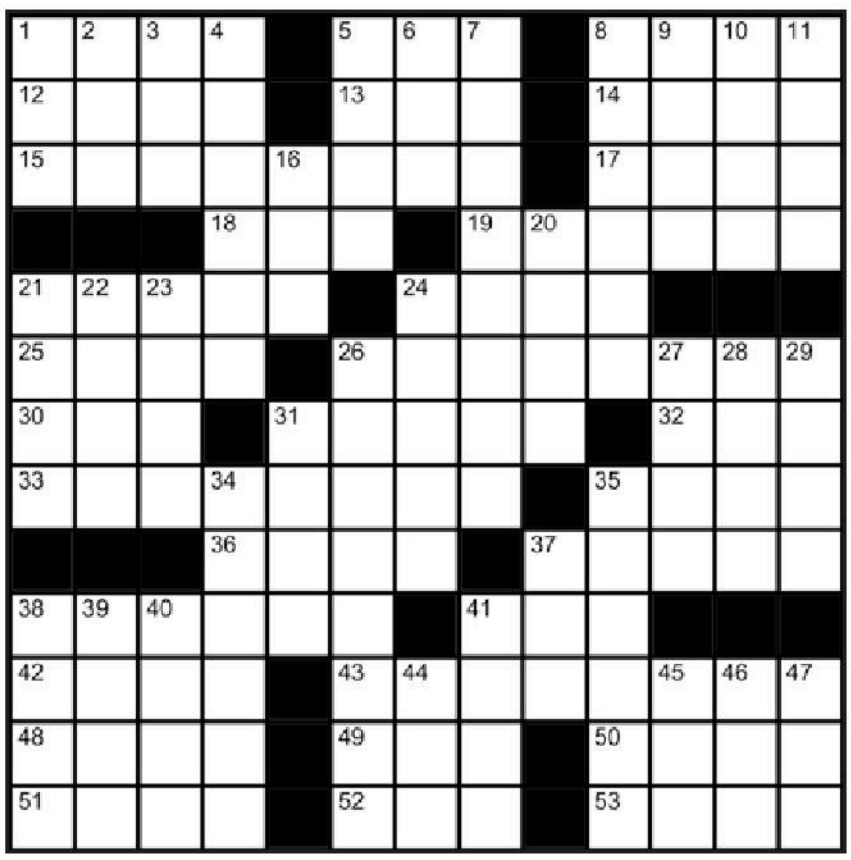
DOWN
1 Covering for head
2 Engine-driven four-wheeler
3 Intl. Lab. Org.
4 Detached landmass
5 Brink or border
6 Greek letter
7 Garden climber
8 Not as fat?
9 Clay water jar
10 Secular; a layman
11 A choir member
16 Not divisible by two
20 Those singular items
21 Many (1,3)
22 Fit neatly together
23 Large container
24 Reconnoitred
26 Major south Indian river?
27 Causes irritation
28 Female friend from France?
29 The ___ For Life : Irving Stone's famous novel?
31 Capital of Norway
34 Horrified or dismayed
35 Gracefully slim
37 Digit of foot
38 Gate pillar
39 Of ___ : of the past
40 Deuces
41 Tel ser. provider in New Delhi and Mumbai
44 Nought
45 Lummox
46 ___ off : postpone or defer?
47 Extra-terrestrials, abbr.



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

HFB RFT'Y AUNW YF XZWIMUVMQW - RF WNWLHYAMTO

YAUY HFB VFNW UTR YAWT, UY XFJW YMJW, YAW PBYBLW

KMVV IFJW YFOWYAWL PFL HFB MT XFJW PFLJ.

TODAY'S CLUE: R EQUALS D

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Life is tough, and if you have the ability to laugh at it you have the ability to enjoy it.

Kohli, Padikkal fire RCB to 8-wicket win over RR

Abu Dhabi, Oct. 4- Devdutt Padikkal (63 off 45 balls) and Virat Kohli scored fifties as Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) beat Rajasthan Royals by eight wickets in Abu Dhabi yesterday.

Chasing 155 to win, Padikkal lost his opening partner Aaron Finch early but that didn't keep him from playing attacking shots. He combined with skipper Kohli and stitched together an 99-run stand for the second wicket. Padikkal also brought up third 50 of his IPL career in the process. Kohli played the second fiddle initially but opened up after gaining some confidence and notched up his first big score of IPL 2020, smashing 72 not out off 53 balls. AB de Villiers scored a boundary on the first ball of the final over to seal the game in RCB's favour, with five ball to spare.

Earlier, late fireworks from Rahul Tewatia (24 n.o. off 12 balls) and a fine knock from Mahipal Lomror (47 runs) helped Rajasthan recover from early blows and set a 155-run target.

Batting first they started positively, with Jos Buttler taking the aggressive approach. RCB bowlers came back strongly to dismiss their three top-order players in quick succession and pushed them on the backfoot.

Isuru Udana dismissed Steve Smith to hand RCB the first breakthrough. Navdeep Saini struck off his very first delivery to end Jos Buttler's mini-onslaught who departed after scoring 22 off 12 balls.

Kohli introduced Yuzvendra Chahal in the next over and he delivered immediately, removing dangerous Sanju Samson to further derail Rajasthan innings.

Mahipal Lomror, playing his first match of the season, made an immediate impact, scoring 47 runs. However, none of the batsman could lend him the support he needed and he eventually fell three short of his fifty, trying to up the ante.

DC defeat KKR

Delhi Capitals (DC) defeated Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) by 18 runs in the 16th match of IPL 2020 at Sharjah yesterday.

DC posted a total of 228/4 after being sent into bat. Skipper Shreyas Iyer scored his fastest half-century ever in the tournament, remaining unbeaten on 88*. Opener Prithvi Shaw further smashed 66 runs off 41 deliveries. The duo enjoyed support from wicketkeeper-batsman Rishabh Pant who scored a 17-ball 38. Andre Russell was the pick of the bowlers, picking two wickets while conceding 29 runs. KKR were never really in the chase, losing quick wickets with the match seeming done and dusted at one stage.

However, a fine partnership between Eoin Morgan (44) and Rahul Tripathi (36), helped the team stage a comeback. The DC bowling attack led by pacer Anrich Nortje delivered the goods at this stage, with the dismissals of the duo sealing the win.

BRIEF SCORES

RCB: 158/2 (Virat Kohli 72*, Devdutt Padikkal 63; Jofra Archer 1/18) beat **RR:** 154/6 (Mahipal Lomror 47, Rahul Tewatia 24*; Yuzvendra Chahal 3/24) by eight wickets.

DC: 228/4 (Shreyas Iyer 88*, Prithvi Shaw 66; Andre Russell 2/29) beat **KKR:** 210/9 (Nitish Rana 58, Eoin Morgan 44; Anrich Nortje 3/33) by 18 runs.

Devdutt Padikkal and Virat Kohli of Royal Challengers Bangalore run between the wickets during the IPL 2020 match against Rajasthan Royals in Abu Dhabi yesterday.

Delhi Capitals skipper Shreyas Iyer hits a boundary as KKR wicketkeeper Dinesh Karthik looks on in Sharjah yesterday.

IPL 2020

Today's Matches (OCT. 4)

MI Vs SRH
Sharjah Cricket Stadium, Sharjah, **3.30 pm (IST)**

KXIP Vs CSK
Dubai Intl. Cricket Stadium, Dubai, **7.30 pm (IST)**

Tomorrow's Match (OCT. 5)

RCB Vs DC
Dubai Intl. Cricket Stadium, Dubai, **7.30 pm (IST)**

Yesterday's Results

RR 154/6 (20 Overs) lose to **RCB 158/2 (19.1 Overs)**

DC 228/4 (20 Overs) beat **KKR 210/8 (20 Overs)**

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- **Mysuru Zoo:** Wildlife Week, Photography Exhibition, Zoo Library, Zoo premises, **up to 5 pm.**
- **Ramsons Kala Pratishtana (RKP):** 16th edition of Bombe Mane, an exhibition of exquisite dolls, Bombe Mane auditorium, #91, above 'Aamrapali Sarees' shop, Nazarbad Main Road, **up to 7.30 pm.**
- **Sanchalana Mysuru:** Valedictory of Theatre Training Camp for Youth, Staging of play 'E Mohavella Elidyu Ogali Yendu' based on Upamanyu Chatterjee's story [Director: Amit J. Reddy; Costume: N. Divya; Production: Deepak Mysore], Natana Rangashale, Ramakrishnanagar, **3.30 pm and 6.30 pm.**
- **Dhruv Arts:** Kalaatma 2020, Online Music Concert, Karnatak Veena Recital by Aishwarya Manikarnika with Rakshith Sharma on mridanga, **7 pm;** Karnatak Violin Recital by Dr. Jyotsna Srikanth with Anoor Ananthakrishna Sharma on mridanga and Vyasa Vittala on kanjira, **8 pm;** Talk by Srikanth Sharma on 'Effectiveness in the propagation of Indian Classical Music in the 21st Century,' **9.30 pm;** Music Concert by Dr. Hamsini Nagendra with Mathoor Srinidhi H.S. Sudhindra on mridanga and A.S.N. Swamy on kanjira, [YouTube Channel: *https://www.youtube.com/user/DhruvArtsFestival*], **10.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (OCT. 5)

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- **Amara Baapu Chintana (Kannada & English Bi-Monthly), Gandhi Bhavan, Bengaluru:** Valedictory of 150th Jayanti of Mahatma Gandhi, conferring of 'Gandhi Smruti' Award on Gandhian and social worker Dr. K. Raghuram Vajapayee, Kannada & Culture Asst. Director H. Channappa, DTS Foundation Founder D.T. Prakash and former President of District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Maddikere Gopal chief guests, Amara Baapu Chintana Dy. Editor Dr. Gururaj Poshettihalli will be present, Pathrakartara Bhavan, Thyagaraja Road, Mysuru, **10.30 am;** Caricature exhibition titled 'Gandhi 150 + Nadige' by *Star of Mysore* cartoonist and Fulbrighter M.V. Nagendra Babu, Gandhian and social worker Dr. K. Raghuram Vajapayee inaugurates, Corporator Pramila Bharath, Industrialist Doreswamy, Maddikere Gopal and D.T. Prakash chief guests, Dr. Gururaj Poshettihalli will be present, Freedom Fighters Park, Subbarayanakere, **11.30 am.**
- **University of Mysore (UoM):** Book launch on COVID-19 and felicitation to Mysuru Corona Warriors, MLAs Tanveer Sait, S.A. Ramdas and L. Nagendra and DC Rohini Sindhoori chief guests, UoM VC Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar presides, Book Editors Dr. Syed Baker (Research Scientist, KRASGAMU, Russia), Dr. S. Satish (Professor, DoS Microbiology, UoM) and Dr. M.N. Nagendra Prasad (HoD, Biotechnology, JSS Science and Technology University), Vijnana Bhavan, Manasagangothri, **11 am.**
- **Karnataka Rajya Vokkaligara Vikasa Vedike - Vishwa Vokkaligara Parishat, Mysuru [Mob: 99864-03488]:** Rajya Vokkaligara Sangha Founders Rao Bahadur H.K. Ramaiah and Dharma Pravartaka Rao Bahaddur D. Banumaiah Punya Smarane, offering of puja at the burial ground, foot of Chamundi Hill, **11.30 am.**

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